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TO: Interested Persons and Organizations

FROM: Wendy V. Brown, Agency Regulatory Coordinator

SUBJECT: General Notice of Public Comment on Regulations
12 VAC 35-180-10 et seq. Regulations to Assure the Protection of
Participants in Human Research

DATE: April 9, 2007

The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services and the State Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board are initiating a periodic review of the above-referenced existing regulations. As part of this review, the Department and the Board are requesting your comments on the need for any updates or revisions to the regulations. The review will be guided by the principles listed in Executive Order Number 36 (2006) which requires all current regulations to be reviewed by the promulgating agency at least once every four years to consider whether the regulations are necessary, clearly written, cost-effective, and designed to achieve their intended purpose.

Written comments may be submitted until June 2, 2008, in care of Wendy Brown, Office of Planning and Development, 1220 Bank Street, P.O. Box 1797, Richmond, Virginia 23218-1797 or by email to wendy.brown@co.dmhmrzas.virginia.gov or by facsimile to (804) 371-0092. You may also submit your comments on the Virginia Regulatory Townhall website at www.townhall.state.va.us. Copies of the regulations may be obtained on the Department's website <http://www.dmhmrzas.virginia.gov/documents/wn-12VAC35-180VACODE.pdf> or on the Regulatory Townhall. Please include your full name and mailing address in any written or electronic correspondence.

Thank you for your participation in this review process.

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